

Listing of Claims

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation comprising from 0.1-to-5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of a glycyrrhetic acid or a derivative of glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt and from 0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of and an amount of benzoyl peroxide effective to synergistically control one or more of the micro-organisms associated with acne.

12-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation according to Claim 11 containing at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid, salicylic acid-N-alkylamides, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitrilotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

17. (Previously presented) A cosmetic preparation according to Claim 16, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

18. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to Claim 16, wherein the said glycyrrhetic acid or a derivative of glycyrrhetic acid comprises glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, said amount of the glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, being ~~are~~ present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

19. (Currently amended) A cosmetic preparation according to Claim ~~18~~ 46, wherein the glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt, benzoyl peroxide, and, ~~optionally, the~~ at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component are in microencapsulated form.

20. (Currently amended) A composition for treating ~~or preventing~~ acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to Claim 11.

21. (Currently amended) A composition for treating ~~or preventing~~ acne comprising a cosmetic preparation according to Claim 16.

22. (Currently amended) A method for treating ~~or preventing~~ acne comprising administering to a person in need thereof a cosmetic preparation comprising from ~~0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of a glycyrrhetic acid or a derivative of glycyrrhetic acid zinc salt and from 0.1 to 5%, by weight, based on the weight of the preparation, of benzoyl peroxide in an amount effective to synergistically control one or more of the micro-organisms associated with acne~~ to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria causing or exacerbating acne.

23-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 22, wherein the cosmetic preparation contains at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic components selected from the group consisting of azelaic acid and derivatives thereof, salicylic acid salicylic acid-N-alkylamides, hexachlorophene, dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid, 2,2',2'-nitrilotriethanol salts, dexpanthenol, resorcinol, erythromycin, coal tar (ichthyol) and fine-particle sulfur and mixtures of two or more thereof.

28. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component is present in quantities of 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the preparation.

29. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 28, wherein the amount of a glycyrrhetic acid or a derivative of glycyrrhetic ~~zinc salt~~, and the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component, are present in a ratio, by weight, of 10:90 to 90:10.

30. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 27, wherein the glycyrrhetic acid or a derivative of glycyrrhetic ~~acid zinc salt~~, benzoyl peroxide, and, optionally, the at least one other antibacterial or antibiotic component comprising the cosmetic preparation are in microencapsulated form.